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FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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INFO AMCONSULATE CHIANGMAI

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AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

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SUBJECT: VISAS/FOREIGN TOURISTS ENTERING THAILAND

FOLLOWING LOCAL PRESS REPORTS THAT THAI IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS

WILL REQUIRE THAT TOURIST ENTERING THAILAND BE IN

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POSSESSION OF A MINIMUM AMOUNT OF CURRENCY PRIOR

TO THE GRANTING OF ADMISSSION INTO COUNTRY, EMBASSY WAS NOTIFIED IN WRITING BY THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR THAT SUCH MINIMUM IS FIXED AT THE EQUIVALENT OF BAHT 5000 FOR SINGLE APPLICANT OR 10,000 PER FAMILY GROUP. THAT IS ABOUT \$250 FOR SINGLE OR \$500 FOR FAMILY.

FURTHER PERSONAL CONTACT BETWEEN CONSULAR OFFICER AND CHIEF CENTRAL THAI IMMIGRATION BUREAU IN BANGKOK HAS REVEALED THAT MEASURE WAS DEvised TO PREVENT ENTRY OF UNDESIRABLE OR POTENTIAL DESTITUTE VISITORS.

ABOVE MENTIONED REGULATIONS WILL BE ENFORCED ON VERY SELECTIVE BASIS AND WILL BE DIRECTED AGAINST PEOPLE EXPELLED FROM NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES PREVIOUS DEPORTEES FROM THAILAND, PERSONS WHO MIGHT HAVE LEFT THAI LAND IN THE PAST IN DESTITUTE STATUS, HIPPIES, YOUNG PEOPLE TRAVELLING UNACCOMPANIED AND WITH MODEST OR MINIMUM VISIBLE MEANS OF SUSTENANCE. DEFINITE ASSURANCE HAS BEEN GIVEN THAT THE AVERAGE TOURIST WILL NOT HAVE TO DEMONSTRATE FINANCIAL SOLVENCY. FURTHERMORE, FRIENDS OR RELATIVES OF AMERICAN PERSONNEL STATIONED IN THAILAND ON AN OFFICIALS CAPACITY, WILL NOT, REPEAT WILL NOT, BE SUBJECTED TO THE ABOVE REGULATIONS.
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